

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace Paragraph [0006] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

[0006] A communications interface system and method for a plasma generator is provided. The communications interface system includes a generator assembly that has a standard portable device (POD) ~~[[POD]]~~ interface for communicating information that complies with a first protocol. A portable device is coupled between the standard POD interface and a second communication interface for communicating information therebetween. The second communication interface communicates information in a format that complies with a second protocol. The portable device is detachable from the standard POD interface and the second communication interface. A first communication link couples the standard POD interface to the portable device. A second communication link couples the portable device to the second communication interface.